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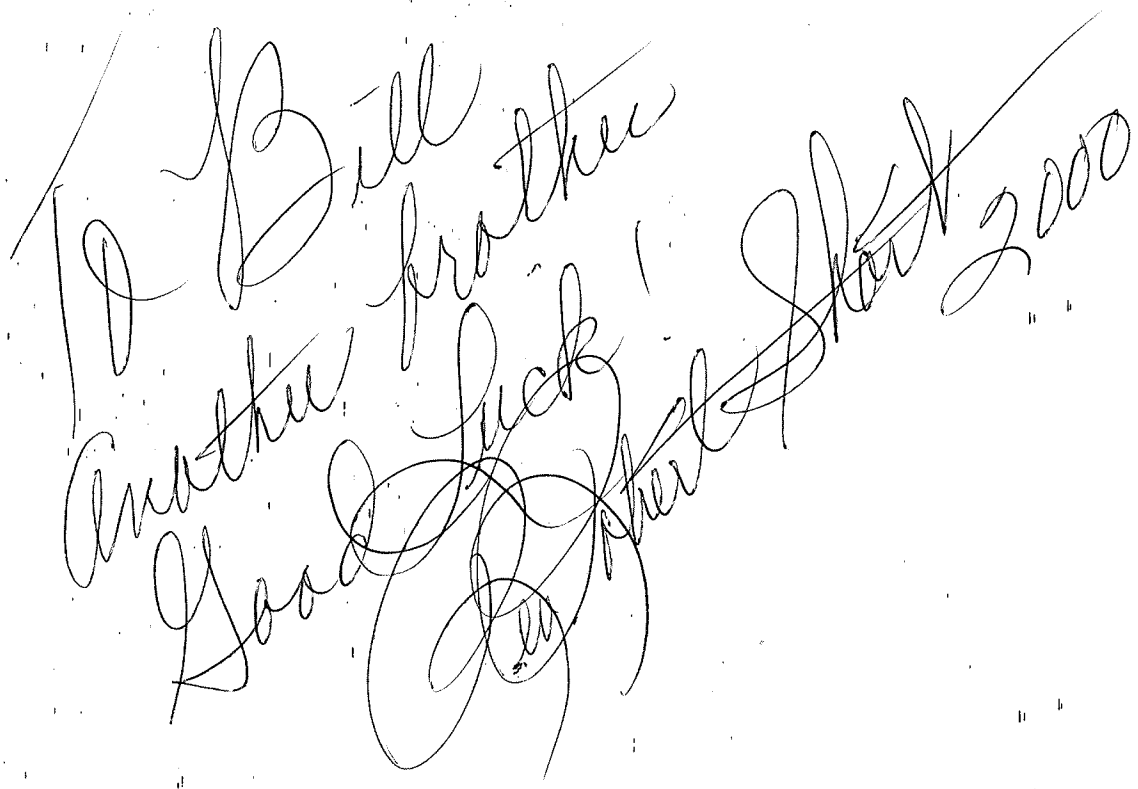

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SPACESHIP HOVERS OVER GIANT ROCK CONVENTION

Just prior to the photograph taken by the San Bernardino Reserve Deputy Sheriff my wife Shirley who was at attendance at this Sixth Giant Rock Convention had a friend who was up on Spy Mountain above Giant Rock and took these photographs of the hovering spaceship. Note that the film emulsion is missing due to the forcefield of the spaceship!

Forcefield of spacecraft hovering over Speaker's Platform and Giant Rock show up in this Polaroid camera picture taken at 12:10P.M., May 24, 1959.

The photo was snapped by San Bernardino County Reserve Deputy Sheriff F. W. Ackerman of 29 Palms, Calif., while on duty at that Sixth Annual Spacecraft Convention at Giant Rock, California.

A few people reported seeing the craft shortly before this picture was taken. Mr. Ackerman previously a skeptic quickly became a believer in the reality of UFO's by stating, "with the click of the shutter of my camera I became one of you, a believer!"

Several minutes later Sheriff Ackerman took another photograph and the spacecraft had moved off to the Northeast.

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SKEPTICAL SHERIFF BECOMES BELIEVER AFTER SNAPPING SAUCER PHOTO

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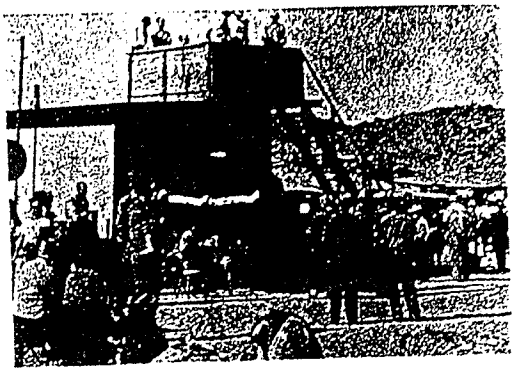
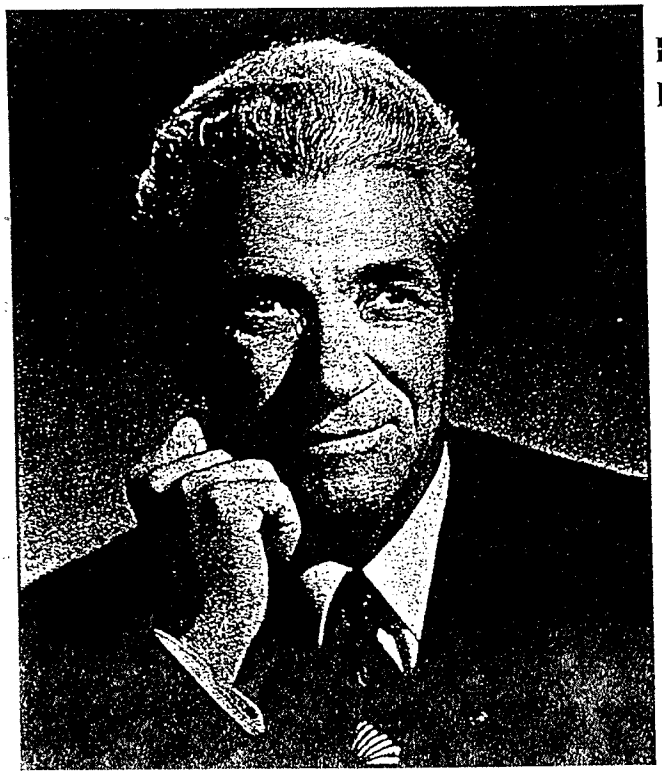
GIANT ROCK



Contactees who once gathered at Giant Rock, California (above), now meet in Laramie, Wyoming.

GEORGE ADAMSKI



Though reviled by conservative ufologists and ridiculed in the press, Adamski preached an occult-based interplanetary gospel to a worldwide following of believers.

GEORGE HUNT "RIC" WILLIAMSON
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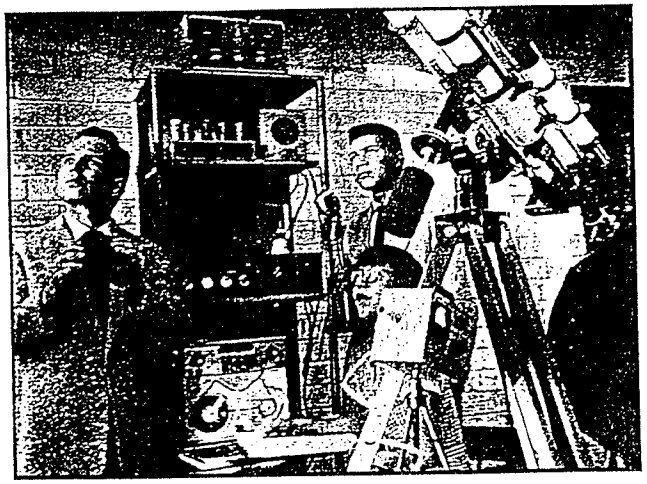
LIGHT BEAM COMMUNICATOR & TELESCOPE



In the 1950s George Hunt Williamson (left) allegedly received radio communications from extraterrestrials. He was one of the most influential figures in the contactee movement.

ILLUSTRATION III GIANT ROCK

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HOWARD MENGER
FLYING OBJECT MODEL
SUCCESSFULLY FLOWN!

Howard Menger tried to market a "free energy" device based, he claimed, on extraterrestrial science.

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TRUMAN BETHURUM

CALVIN GIRVIN

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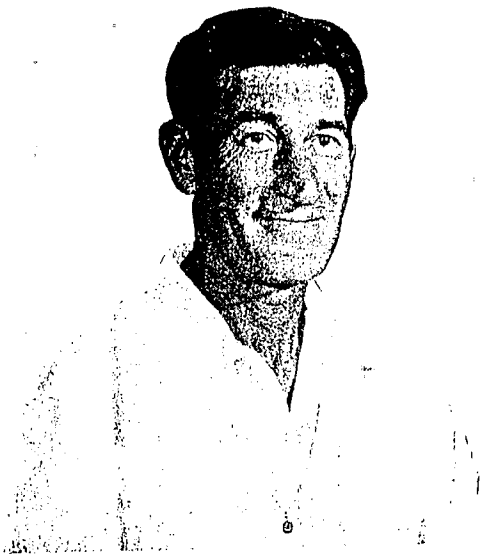

Gloria Lee

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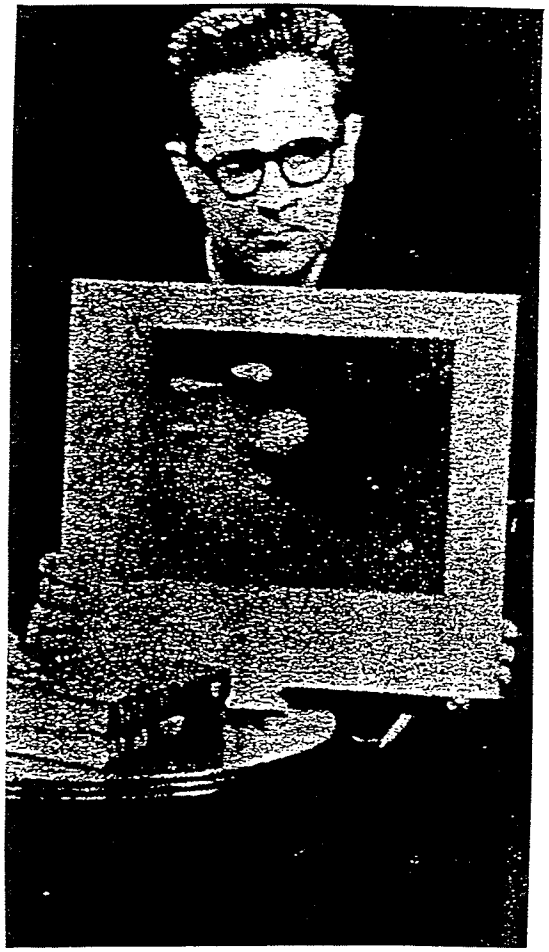

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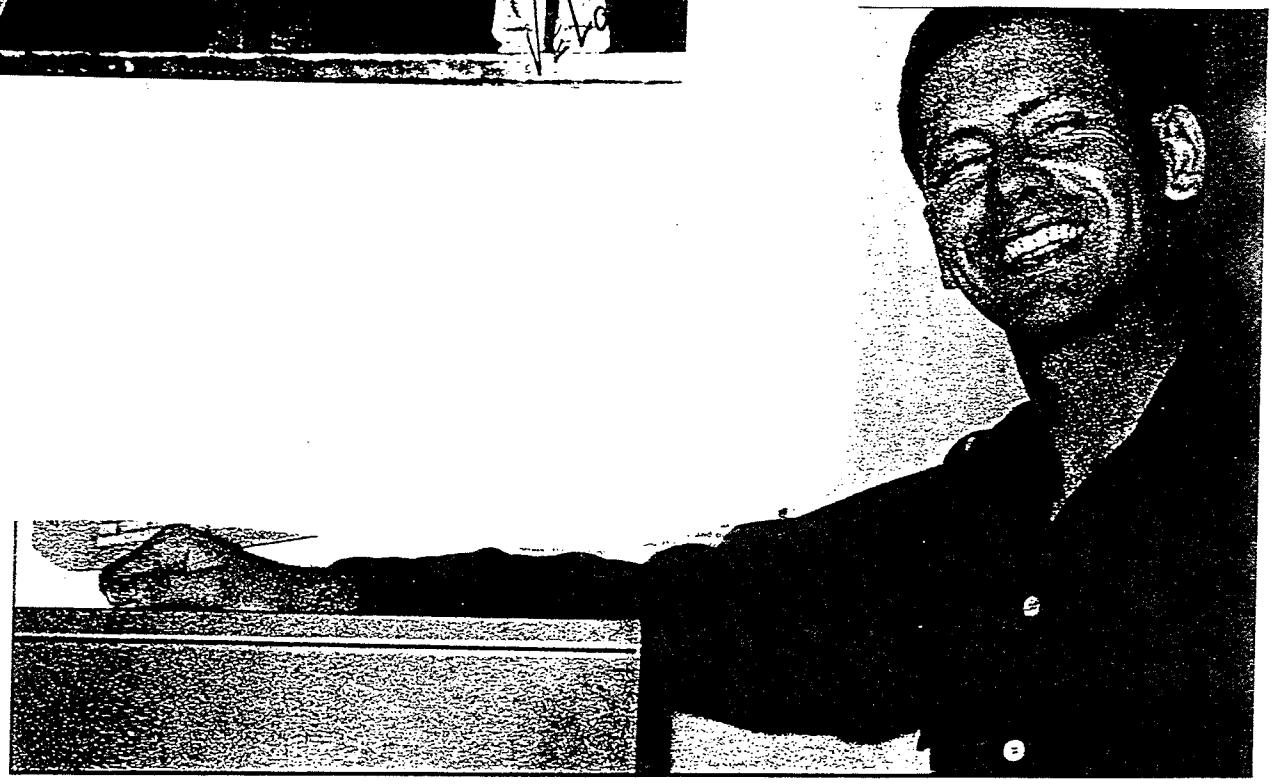

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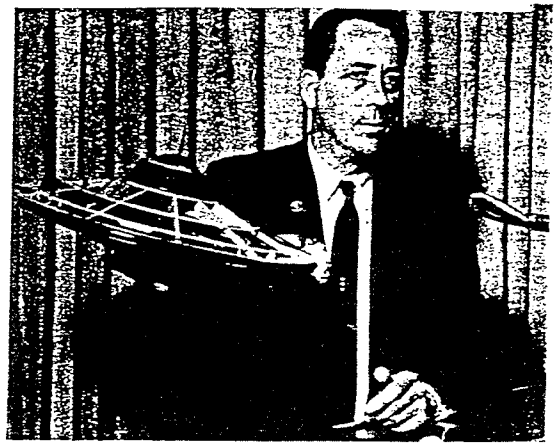

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UFO'S: THE GIANT ROCK STORY-FIRST CONTACT

Landers is a small California townof only about 8,000 people. While the town is small as seen on a map, nearby (3 miles) stands a huge boulder referred to at one time as Giant Rock, the world's largest free-standing boulder and the former home of George Van Tassel and family, one of ufology's most controversial "contactee." Located deep in the nearby desert wilderness, Giant Rock stands seven stories tall, composed of 23,000 tons of solid granite. For decades, thousands of people gathered near the Rock each year (10,000 to 12,000 people at times over the years between 1954 and 1977!) for UFO Conventions. And until his transition in 1978, Van worked on a remarkable building, the Integratron, that he said was inspired by "aliens."

In 1947, Van Tassel leased four square miles of the desert from the government. The land inclded Giant Rock. Van Tassel, his wife Eva and their three daughters moved to the remote area. Van Tassel used the vacant room under the Rock as an office and living quarters at first, but he and his family in the early period slept in a trailer on the property. Van Tassel expanded a nearby dry lake bed to create a runway for what he then named Giant Rock Airport. The Van Tassel family also ran a small cafe but a few yards from their early home. It was called "Come On In." At that time, the area surrounding Van Tassel's desert home was isolated. The nearest town was Joshua tree, some 20 miles South.

Van Tassels first physical encounter with extraterrestrials came on August 24, 1953. He described that meeting in an autobiography. He wrote that he had been awakened from a sound sleep at around 1:50 a.m. by an "alien" standing at the foot of his bed as they were sleeping outside due to the heat. The "alien" whose name he found later to be called "Solgonda" invited him to come with them to their spacecraft (UFO) as he tried in vain to awaken his family and was told that they had come to speak with him only!

Van Tassel could see the bell-shaped spacecraft hovering about four feet off the ground at the end of the Giant Rock Airport runway. He estimated the spacecraft to be 19 feet high and 36 feet in diameter. Van Tassel had been a test pilot for Hughes and Douglas Aircraft at one time and he was also an aviation enthusiast. He couldn't resist the opportunity to board a craft from another planet. The ride lasted a half-hour, but it forever changed his life.

Van said there were four beings from what he was told was the planet Venus on board the craft. He described them as friendly, handsome and human-looking. He said they told him they were members of the Galactic Federation (Solar Confederation.), on a mission to help those of earth to stop war and atomic testing before it was too late. If those of earth would only hear the message of the Venusians they said, earth might claim a new and more affluent order in the Universe and enter a New Age of abundance and peace.

In order to fund his Integratron Project, Van began conducting UFO Conventions from his home at Giant Rock. Giant Rock was temporarily named "Spaceport earth" during these gatherings. The Conventions gave fellow "contactees" and enthusiasts a place to compare experiences . Early believers in the UFO phenomenon could discuss their beliefs openly without fear of ridicule from the outside world that was suffered by Van Tassel's daughters at school. Van led mass meditations in order to attempt further contact with "beings from other worlds."

This was but the first in a series of events relating to more contact with what we now call "UFO's." It was with discovery of communications through an ALTERED STATE NOW CALLED "CHANNELING'" which must have been related to Van while he was on board that other planetary craft. For, of course, he must have asked them, "why have I been contacted?" How am I to continue to make further "contact" with you Solgonda and your people?" After a brief program of songs and chants to raise vibrations Van would undergo some type of "change" and a "different sounding voice" would address those gathered with "Greetings, from the Realm of Blaau (Blay-Ow) and the satellite Share (Sher-ee). I am Contamara!"

Van Tassel also sold UFO memorabilia and souvenirs to those attending the "contact sessions," as well as the Conventions and he shared his rich experiences with thousands of people all over the world where he was invited to lecture. He also founded the "College of Universal Wisdom" which published a newsletter called the "Proceedings," which was mailed out all over the world.

George Van Tassel was born in Jefferson, Ohio in 1910. After leaving high school he worked for four years as a flight mecahnic for Airlines in Chicago and Cleveland. In 1930 he came to california and was employed by Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica for eight and one-half years. He left Douglas and went to work with Howard Hughes in 1941. Connected with flight testing for Mr. Hughes in the desert near Barstow, California he acquired a desire for the peace and quiet of the great open spaces. After two and one-half years with Mr. Hughes he went to work at Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, Calif., and for four and one-half years did flight test work there. While there he came to a decision to live in the peace of the desert after almost twenty years of aircraft experience.

Mr. Van Tassel leased an abandoned airport at what was later to become known world-wide as Giant Rock, California, from the government in 1947 and had been operating it for thirty-one years. Giant Rock is approximately seventeen miles North of Yucca Valley, California. it is also near the little town of Landers. This town is on Reche Road off of State Highway 247, which leads to Lucerne Valley, Calif., and Giant Rock is another three and one-half miles Northeast. In the year 1951 George bought a 40-acre ranch some two and one-half miles to the Southwest where a home was constructed and later a mobile home was placed.

Having friends by that time who were interested in the greater secrets of life and the desire to understand phenomena that is not

explained by mundance science. Van organized a small group to do research into the unseen. Immediately many things started to happen of which records were kept of every occurance of this type. George and his first wife Eva dedicated 10 acres of the Ranch property to this fast growing Organization. Through thought transferance which became the main subject of research "space people or the inhabitants of these flying objects (who by that time had made contact.) gave George the name for the organization. It was to be called, "The College of Universal Wisdom." George was its Director; while also operating the Airport and Ranch.

The College of Universal Wisdom published a monthly pamplet called "Proceedings," which kept many interested readers up to date on the latest information received from our friends in space. Soon after establishing all this George undertook construction of an unusual building called the "Integratron" containing NO METAL except for some machinery at the top of the dome of the building and some in the interior!

In the year 1954, Van sent out notices for the first known "flying saucer" Convention to be held anywhere on earth other than much smaller gatherings which had been held in other locations world-wide. Therefore in the Spring of that year thousands of other individuals soon began to arrive at what had now become called by the followers of this field of research and investigation ,"Giant Rock," which is located in the highDesert of Southern California near the small town of Landers (first established by a gentleman named Mr. Newlin Landers.), which at that time also retained a small private landing strip and bar-restaurant presided over by Mr. George Belfield. This location soon had a small Motel where during the many Conventions to follow had as its guest list many of those who were in attendance. There were those who also were soon to become a part of the Van Tassel family, such as Daniel Boone and Norman Wing who would in time present Van and his wonderful lady Eva with Grandchildren. Also Mr. Norman Poulson who became the husband of Glenda Van Tassel. All of these were very helpful in the work of building up Giant Rock, but their homes and families in that area.

It soon became apparent that Van and those about him would be busily engaged in preparing the grounds at Giant Rock for not only UFO Conventions, but information given out to do with alarms that were conveyed not only by the *space being Solgonda and his crew*, but many other space intelligences from other distant worlds and these dealt with NUCLEAR TESTS, POLLUTION, ENVIRONMENTAL WASTES, GEOLOGICAL AND METEOROLOGICAL CHANGES AND THE COMING OF THE AQUARIAN AGE!

DANIEL FRY

Daniel Fry proved to be a most able and competant speaker as well as a brilliant researcher and personal UFO contactee. He spoke at length about his own experience while taking a walk at night away from his location at White Sands Proving Ground (a U. S. Government run Research and Experimental Proving Ground Installation where the first-known Atomic Test took place.). During his walk he suddenly found himself confronting a rather large UFO which had landed. Fry unafraid walked up to this strange object and placed his hands upon what he took to be the HULL OF THIS CRAFT! Suddenly, he heard a LOUD SONOROUS VOICE CALL OUT "GETAWAY BUD, ITS STILL HOT!"

This later turned out to be very true as Fry learned to his lack of discernment in having earlier "touched the hull of the UFO" Later Fry said that he noted an unusual purplish-blue color about the exterior of the object! Fry was invited at the time to step on board the UFO and soon discovered that he was quite alone in the interior where he found a seat and was told that this was a *cargo-carrier type of craft. He was told to secure himself as they were taking off!* Fry stated, "I was flown to the city of New York and was shown this city like so many sparkling jewels at night and then returned to my original location in the space of half-an-hour!" Fry's story can be found in a book titled "White Sands Incident," as well as in a slim volume dictated to Fry by his *space mentor who called himself A-Lan.* It is titled, "A-Lan's Message To Men of Earth." Fry would also establish an organization dedicated to better understanding between mankind of earth and those of other planets. It was called "Understanding."

On 20th of November, 1952, George Adamski (the son of Polish immigrants) claimed to have met and had a conversation with a *cosmonaut of a landed UFO* in the Californian desert near Desert Center (Eagle Mountain). This event was witnessed by six persons (including George H. "Ric" Williamson, Alice K. Wells, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bailey and Charlotte Macleod.). That encounter and others equally sensational then established Adamski as a world celebrity, leading to meeting with some of the most influential personalities of the time from Queen Juliana and prince Bernhardt of the Netherlands to Pope John XXIII.

From the start (Adamski had been contacted by some of the aforementioned people by having been told about him and his interests in UFOs and *those of other planets* originally through ham radio "contacts" in the years 1951 and 1952 in the small town of Winslow, Arizona.). Adamski excited both hostility and acclaim so that he soon became--and remained-- the most controversial UFO contactee of his time. This controversy still remains today and experts remain divided.

The earl of Clancarty (Lord Brinsley Le Poer Trench), a well-known author of many UFO books and founder of the House of Lords All Party UFO Study Group has written,

"In 1959 I had the pleasure of meeting Adamski at the Hyde Park Hotel in London, together with Patrick Moore and John Lade. I was immensely struck by Adamski's tremendous vitality and his undoubted charm.

What convinced that Adamski was taken up in an *alien spacecraft* is what he wrote describing his trip in the book, "*Inside The Space Ships.*" He looked out one of the portholes and saw that space was totally dark. Then he noticed manifestations taking place all around the *spaceship*, as though billions of "fireflies" were flickering everywhere! Some years later Col. John Glenn, after being one of the first Astronauts to orbit the earth held a press conference in which he gave an almost identical description of space to that of Adamski! The Colonel said that space was dark, and also spoke of what appeared to be thousands of 'fireflies!' That was the clincher for me. It WAS proof that Adamski had been taken up in a *spaceship!*"

ORFEO ANGELUCCI

One individual who clearly stood out from among those who had claimed "physical contact" with *beings from another world* was a gentleman who had the interesting name of Mr. Orfeo Angelucci (a Greek hero and "Angel of Light."). This man stated that he had had his first UFO contact very near his orignal home near Hyperion Blvd., in Glendale, California, in the year 1951. He said it appeared (the UFO) to look like a "large misty-looking oval as it sat at night upon the ground." He said further, "I decided to investigate this strange-looking object by stepping into it." It appeared that there was no one else about when this took place.

His story first appeared in articles which he published so that others might hear of/or read about his amazing and early experience with something from *another world* beyond our earth. He also later had another hard-cover book which was published entitled, "Son of The Sun," which appeared to be a cronicle of a spiritual journey more than a recounting of Angelucci's further experiences.

Angelucci soon became well-known to those interested in the UFO field. He made his appearance at one of the early Giant Rock Conventions, which had begun to be held yearly near the town of Landers, California. Angelucci was a man given to a wonderful sense of humor and very personable in his manner. He was also able to convey to his listeners a good deal about his experiences with *those from other worlds.* He was perhaps only the third person to have had what he claimed to be a "Close Encounter" during the early years of the 1950's. He also had many appearances in other areas of the United States speaking about his contacts and the spiritual philosophy *they* had taught and left with him.

WAYNE SULO AHO

"Another leader in the comparatively small fraternity of early UFO contactees was known at that time as Major Wayne Aho. His outstanding service in the UFO and New Age field has brought enlightenment to millions of people since his first contact with higher intelliegences in 1957. He has been and is a frequent speaker at UFO Conventions, has given numerous University lectures, and made many TV and Radio appearances.

"Wayne Aho is a very friendly individual. He is easy going, with a fine sense of humor, yet tremendously dedicated to helping his fellow man. Wayne Aho is a big man, physically, mentally and spiritually.

"As a young man, through circumstances seemingly beyond my control I was drawn into the National Guard, which bcame the Army of the United States by Congressional action. I progressed through the ranks to First Sargeant in Alaska where my Unit was assigned to hold the frontier even before the outbreak of war with japan. I was to see war at its fullest as part of my realization for this lifetime I was then sent to North Carolina to train as an officer. and then on to Texas for further training in amphibious warfare. It was then on to England where I was in on the landing in D-Day at Omaha Beach as part of the support Unit of the First Infantry Division. It was after five campaigns which followed one after the other in different European countries that found me at the end of the war in Europe near the borders with czechoslovakia.

"After World War Two I entered hard physical labor in the industry of logging as a family venture. I could have stayed on in a military career, but I chose instead civilian life which offered more of a challenge particularly in a business of engineering and management.

"It was sometime in 1948, when I had my first experience telepathically with the beings who inhabit "flying saucers" while I was making use of a rather noisy D-7 bulldozer used in logging. I had read about an airplane crash with no apparent survivors and noted that some observers saw some UFO's near the scene of the crash three days afterward. While engaged in using the bulldozer I mused, 'who are these strange beings flying their craft at the scene and why are they here?' A reply that came was startling, 'We are the caretakers of the souls of the dead.'

"His first contact with a being from another realm is graphically described in his book 'Mojave Desert Experience.' He has also published other writings. He had also published in the past a Newsletter entitled, 'Intelligent's Report."

George H. "Ric" Williamson, during World War II was involved in the Army Air Force Technical Training Command. Afterward he attended Cornell College, Eastern New Mexico University, University of Arizona and took a special course at the University of Denver. He majored in Anthropology with many courses in Sociology, Biology, Philosophy and Geology.

In 1948, he was awared a coveted Gold Key for outstanding scientific research by the Illinois Archeological Society. He had spent a great deal of time doing field work in social Anthropology in the northern part of the United States. His research had taken him into Mexico, Peru and Canada. He was considered an authority on Indian dances, music, legends and ceremonial costumes. Several of his articles had appeared in scientific journals.

He was a chairman in the Department of Anthropology, Great Western University, San Francisco, California. Director; Andean-Amazonian Field Station, Peru, S. A. (member of Explorers Club), and High Desert Field Station, California (Great West., Univ.).

He was listed in "*Who;s Who In America*; his name appeared in "*Who Knows--And What,*" and "*Who;s Who In The West.* Also *American Men of Science.* He was a member of the American Anthropological Association and the American Association for The Advancement of Science.

Dr. Williamson or "Ric" as he was better known to his many friends was the author of "Other Tongues, Other Flesh, UFO's Confidential, Secret Places of The Lion and Road In The Sky." He was also co-author of the book, "*The Saucers Speak* (a documentary Report of Interstellar Communication by radiotelegraphy.)." He was also the individual who took "plaster casts" of the claimed "footprints" of the *being* who greeted George Adamski at Eagle Mountain, California. Williamson was also the publisher and editor of a quarterly magazine devoted to information dealing with UFO's and *other planetary life.* This magazine was titled, "Telonics Bulletin.

GABRIEL GREEN
FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF AFSCA
ALMALGAMATED FLYING SAUCER CLUBS OF AMERICA

"Gabriel green has been one of the outstanding leaders in the UFO field for over four decades. I have known the warmth and sincerity of his friendship since I first met him. Gabe sponsored a two-day Flying Saucer Convention in the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles. Taking over a whole floor of large meeting rooms in this plush hotel, the Convention attracted thousands of flying saucer buffs. They were well rewarded by the panel of about 45 dynamic speakers, which read like a 'Who's Who' list of the top contactees of our space brothers from other realms.

"The theme of the Convention was, 'World Peace Through Constructive Action,' and if we could get our world to accept the ideas advanced then, we could have World Peace and countless other benefits. The remarkable friendship and cooperation achieved between the large numbers of groups represented there, plus much help from our extraterrestrial friends, may be partly responsible for the fact that in some areas at least, our world does have more peace.

"AFSCA, the Flying Saucer club which Gabriel Green founded, was very successful, expanding to over 100 chapters throughout America and in eleven foreign countries. The purpose of the group is as high as positive thinking "Gabe" and his associates could propose, as it is "Dedicated to the Physical, Spiritual, and Economic Emancipation of Man."

"Gabe" says, 'if I had not met a man, perhaps I would now have the same feeling of hopelessness as have so many others who have noted the trend of events and can visualize the nature of the destructive conditions soon to materialize on the earth, unless certain specific action is taken to prevent it.

"Because of my contact with this man, I was given a new hope and a new faith of a wonderful future for our planet and its people.' Gabriel then goes on to describe his meeting with this very amazing man who said to call him John, The Believer, or simply John Believer. One important thing which John Believer explained was the need of Earth's people to begin using a new system of economics based on Universal Law. He said the solution of many of mankind's problems would be to become aware of this law, and then make the changes in our actions and our social structure to stop violating it. He claimed this system called Prior Choice Economics would bring an end to poverty and starvation, eliminate taxation, stop inflation, end debt problems, create greater abundance with fewer hours of work, and bring many other marvelous improvements for all people to enjoy.

"In an effort to start bringing this perfection to mankind, Gabriel Green became involved in politics. He ran first as a candidate for United States Congress in 1958 on the Economic Security Party (ES) platform. In 1960 at the urging of the space people he ran for President of the United States as an independant candidate, but withdrew to support President Kennedy. While he did not cause any alarm to the major candidates, the publicity did open new opportunities to advance the cause of better cooperation with our space brothers.

"In 1972 Gabriel tried again, this time as the Presidential candidate of the Universal Party, a small political party that grew out of a Flying Saucer club, and was chairmaned by John Hopkins of Berkeley, California, a man who was much concerned about finding ways to improve our government.

Mr. Truman Betherum, was another gentleman who claimed early contact with *beings who claimed they arrived here from a planet they called Clarion!* This world *they claiimed was on the other side of our sun which we could not see with ordinary spotting devices.* Betherum said he was asleep one night in the back of his truck near where he was employed at the time (Mormon Flats, Nevada). He states that he was startled by being awakened by *"little beings in green uniforms"* who took him in charge and led him to their *spaceship* where he was taken on board and met with a *female cosmonaut whose name was Aura Rhanes. Her rank was Captain of this spaceship!* He says that this female cosmonaut was garbed in a red tunic and black pants with black boots. Betherum soon began to have many experiences and meetings with the female cosmonaut and her crew in which he was given some of their philosophy of life and other enlightening subjects. Truman Betherum was without previous scientific background or training yet in quoting the female Captain of the *Clarion spaceship,* he referred to phenomena generally unknown at that time except in certain highly specialized scientific fields. Investigation was done and carried out regarding details, such as, time, place and people involved and this proved to be accurate. Those inquiries as to his personal habits, sincerity and integrity met with favorable answers. Perhaps the most important and convincing bit of information came from his quote from the female Captain of the *other planetary spaceship,* for in the course of their conversation the female Captain revealed in a subtle way the "source of the energy that powered these large *spaceships!*". This one fact by itself of course, could have been coincidental, but when *she (Aura Rhanes) included in the same neat package a clue to the method of their lift-off,* then clearly the element of chance cannot be logically considered!

CALVIN GIRVAN

"As we study the lives of the pioneers in the field of Space Phenomena it is remarkable how individualistic they are. Each one creates part of a beautiful picture, adding its important piece to a large and very intricate gigsaw puzzle. We are trying to give you a closer look at each amazing part which will help you to put it all together into a glorious complete picture, as the remaining parts are supplied.

"Calvin Girvan began molding his large part early in life through experience and study after he enlisted in the army in 1944, at age 18. He experienced a thrilling close contact of a space ship near his home in Lancaster County, Pennsylvannia, in 1948. Here is part of his description of this event.

"Suddenly I halted and held my breath. What was that pinpoint of light that looked like a star. That seemed to grow in size? It loked bluish-white a far different color than the usual star -- and it was coming closer to where I stood. Were my eyes playing tricks on me? Was the star, or whatever it was, actually getting bigger? If so, what a phenomenon! And the speed of the thing -- terrific.

"For an instant I was terrified. And then a peculiar kind of calm settled over me. I was convinced now that the thing meant me no harm. It had grown to the size of a half-bushel basket within a matter of seconds, and it was hovering directly over my head!

"As it hung there motionless it changed color several times, going from bluish-white with an amber center to bright yellow. then to amber."

Kelvin Rowe was another visitor to Conventions which were held at Giant Rock, Calif., in fact, he was present at the very first one in April of 1954 when Dan iel W. Fry was the main speaker. His background was again most unassuming. He was a native originally of Illinois from a family of seven. In the year 1912 they were moved to the city of Hollywood, Calif., where he attended school at Virgil Junior High. He later became a truck driver. Sometime later the family moved once again into the country near the area of Lake Elsinore. He went to work for the Safeway store and then followed this with a number of other jobs. During this entire period Kelvin had his life miraculously spared twice.

It was nearly one year after 1953 when he first had what he claims was a "contact" via mental telepathy with the *space beings* ! Then seven and one-half months later he realized his first physical contact and five months after this had what he again claimed was his *first ride into space at a rate which he described as defying all imagination!*

He later came to know George Van Tassel and as well, George Adamski As personal friends and with the latter as an instructor of sorts who provided him with necessary information at the time and to support his personal UFO contacts as well. He also befriended Mr. Truman Betherum, as he had earlier visited with him in Overton, Nevada. During his presense on the date of the first Giant Rock Convention he was also to discover through an "incident" which took place that the both of them were met by what he said were *three space beings from the planet pluto!* They didn't realize what had occurred until after it had taken place because they were asked by these *space beings* about having been together in Overton, Nev., and yet no one else had known about this meeting! Kelvin said that *they were undistingulshable from those attendling the Convention as they appeared so like us!*

Miss Gloria Lee, had a natural interest in the UFO phenomena since she had learned to fly before she could drive a car. As an Airline Stewardess she flew over three-fourths of the world for five years prior to her marriage to an aeronautical engineer.

She then became actively engaged in psychic research and began to study esoteric sciences. While endeavoring to develop her own extra-sensory perception she claims to have made "contact" with a *space being who called himself J. W.* who she further claims helped her to write a book titled, "Why We Are Here." This *being (J. W.)* Gloria stated, was from the planet *Jupiter!* Miss Lee further stated, that the original contact took place in September of 1953 at the Los Angeles International Airport, where she was working as a ground Hostess at that time. She further says, that all material in the book and other communications were done solely through MENTAL TELEPATHY for which she claimed she was thoroughly trained and developed over a period of some four years by her *space contacts!*

Mr. Carl Anderson had formerly been a member of the United States Military Armed Forces and after leaving the Service became a ship welder at the Long Beach Shipyards. It was during this period when he went with other friends to an outing in the upper Mojave Desert and while engaged in doing so had an amazing UFO experience which was later published under the title of "Two Nights To Remember."

Mr. Anderson had heard about Giant Rock and what was taking place at that location and then decided that he should attend a Convention where he met with George Van Tassel and spoke to him about his experience. Van thought that he should share that experience with others and so the world heard from another UFO contactee. Mr. Anderson Also while in attendance at other Giant Rock Conventions took many phtographs of activities and among them were several very sensational UFO pictures. Among these was one depicting a FIVE-POINTED STAR IN COLOR WITH THE FACES OF WHAT APPEARS TO BE *SPACE BEINGS!* Another shot apparently shows what appears to be an ENERGY TRAIL of a small "scanner" looping close to Mr. Anderson And another friend while in attendance at a Giant Rock Convention! Carl continued to attend these Conventions whenever possible through the late 1950's and in the 1960's and 1970's.

Another gentleman who also claimed early meetings with a *spaceship cosmonaut whose name was given as Valiant Thor*, was Reverend Frank E. Stranges, President of the International Evangelism Crusade, also Director of the National Investigations Committee on UFO's. Also President of the International Theological Semihary of California, he was born in New York and educated in Brooklyn, Pennsylvania and minnesota. He holds Degrees in Religion,m Psychology and Criminology.

He has authored a number of books and produced motion pictures on UFO's for television. He had moderated a television series called "UFO's....IMAGINATION OR REALITY?"

Dr. Stranges, was awarded the FBI Gold Medal at a Police Convention which was held in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was a member of former President Reagan's Task Force in Washington, D. C. He is Ass't Deputy Director, California State Marshal's Association. He is a member of the United Science Foundation, Florida. Dr. Stranges holds the Degree of Doctor of International Law from Union University. His University and and College presentations are recognized as an important contribution to an understanding of the UFO phenomena today.

Dr. Stranges was in regular attendance whenever possible at the Giant Rock Conventions soon after their inception in 1954. His original experience however, took place several years earlier in what he states was the Defense Departments Pentagon Building in Virginia near Washington, D. C. while he was attending to some business in military affairs. Dr. Stranges is also a Reserve United States Military Chaplain. "Frank" as he is better known to his many friends in the UFO and other fields currently attends Seminars on spiritual affairs throughout the world, as well as those of the UFO Conventions still being held world-wide. He is also very well versed in mundane and spiritual philosophy bearing upon UFO's and other world intelligence. Dr. Stranges is also author of "Stranger At The Pentagon" and "My Friend From Beyond Earth." He also publishes from time to time a UFO news magazine.

Mr. Howard Menger along with his wife Connie had also been UFO contactees at an earlier period back at his former home in Highbridge, New Jersey. Howard underwent a series of *spaceship landings* and was spoken to at length by *other planetary intelligence regarding their life and philosophy.* He was even given a DESIGN FOR ENGINEERING AN ACTUAL FLYING DISC! When he finished constructing it and put it into flight it im mediately TOOK OFF AND WAS GONE! Howard then under *their instructions* constructed another small disc and again it TOOK OFF, but this time was discovered CRASHED JUST OFF THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE SEVERAL HUNDRED MILES AWAY! Howard was then after a period of time contacted by agents of the United States Government and they demanded that he turn over all his documents pertaining to construction of the "flying discs!" Howard demurred in doing so and was then told that if he did so that the United States Government would construct a factory (it was subsequently built) and would begin to manufacture the "discs." He also began to receive Royalty checks for his part in this deal, but these shortly began to stop coming and he also soon learned that the factory he had been shown earlier was NO LONGER in its location and in fact, IT APPEARED THAT NOTHING HAD EVER EXISTED OF THAT NATURE! However, all of the plans he had turned over as well as the designs were NEVER AGAIN SEEN!

Howard and Connie Menger now reside in the City of Vero Beach, Florida, where he still has a sign business at present. He and his wife when able to do so attend UFO Conventions and gatherings where he continues to speak about his UFO experiences. He had also authored two books "From Outer Space To You," and "Highbridge Incident." He also in those earlier times was given some very unusual music by his *other planetary intelligence* which he earlier had published.

Aleuti Francesca (formerly Marianne Francis) Director and Doctor of Spiritual Science who now directs the Solar Light Retreat, White City, Oregon is a sensitive and Tele-Thought contactee for light beings from Space. Miss Francesca was born in London, England, and studied for many years for a career as a concert singer and poet. From the age of sixteen she read and researched widely ancient esoteric teachings--ESP, metaphysics and UFO phenomena. Foe three years she was also a reporter for a psychic newspaper. Since early childhood Miss Francesca has been naturally telepathic and felt a strong affinity for the sky and the stars. After moving to California, she developed Tele-Thought communication with Space Beings and attuned with Devic (Angelic) Beings. After examining the possibilities of intelligent life on other planets, Miss Francesca sensed intuitively the connection to her earlier teenage studies.

After moving to Santa Barbara, California her lecture work increased and the Tele-Thought communications with highly evolved Space Intelligence began. On a few occasions these were accompanied by the sighting of large star-shgaped, soundless objects in the skies over her home--The Starcraft of the Space People! She began also at that early time to attend some of the UFO Conventions that had begun to be held in a somewhat removed location that rapidly began to become world-famed for UFO activities and the experiences of many individuals who claimed that they had either Close Encounters or face-to-face meetings with Space Intelligence. This location was in the high desert area of Southern California and was called GIANT ROCK.

Since this early period Miss Francesca has had extensive tours that have been undertaken to many parts of the US, and Canada where Miss Francesca has lectured, taught, and appeared on radio and TV shows, reaching thousands of people. Since 1983 she has aprticipated in phone-in interviews on the subject of ET contact.

HAL WILCOX

For more than 40 years Hal Wilcox had devoted his life to the study and understanding of his physical contacts with life forms, technology, information and philosophy from social orders outside our known world. For many of those years he had also devoted much of his time to informing others about his experiences, teaching and striving to complete a Governance mission of seven Projects and was given this assignment as a result of his spiritual quest, by those with whom he had been in physical contact.

Raised in a family active in Masonic and metaphysical study, Hal qualified as a good student for a scholarship to West Point upon high school graduation. He continued his education, earning degrees in architecture, science and music and doing extensive postgraduate work while spending 14 years working as a public school teacher.

Hal Wilcox had been challenged to support his experiences and substantiate his claims on the early Joe Pyne live television with a polygraph lie detector and operator and a full week of tests sponsored by the Enquirer in 1985, in the attempt to discredit him. After being subjected to much criticism and abuse, his physical evidence was also then examined by the Rand Corporation, the Engineering Department of UCLA and other experts, who were hired by television and investigators. Throughout the many years of his teaching and in spite of all efforts to discredit him, Hal has passed every test!

In presenting those experiences and teachings in his own words, Hal Wilcox transmitted the genuine excitement and enthusiasm that had captivated audiences for years.

HOPE TROXELL
FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT

"Another greatly respected contactee is Hope Troxell, who conducted THE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT, at June Lake, California. This was a training center for the CHURCH OF COSMIC ORIGIN, of which she was President.

"To learn more about some of the advanced Beings from other worlds, we present Mrs. Troxell's description of one she claims she met. 'I had just stepped upon the path -- when a handsome gentleman entered the path at the street end. I shall never forget him. His physique was wedge-shaped, which any athlete would admire. He was clean-shaven and dressed impeccably, in that 105-degree heat! His grey flannel slacks were sharply creased, and a spanking white shirt was open at the neck, and rolled up at the cuffs...

"From the moment he entered the path, I noticed also his bright blue eyes and joyous smile. But the eyes really got me! I don't think I've ever seen such China-blue eyes! More than that, he KNEW ALL ABOUT ME, and for the first time in my life, I felt quite spiritually naked! He never took his eyes off me and his smile was steady.

"But there was another feature; his walk...
My eyes kept being drawn to his feet--for I could not quite tell--but he didn't seem to be touching the ground, yet every time I tried to watch exactly, his eyes called mine back to his face. Yet it was also strange that there was no sound of his footsteps! Was he, or was he not, walking on the path? As he came closer there seemed to be several iches of space between his feet and the ground. I kept wondering if I was just imagining it, or if it were real.

"As he passed me on the path, he spoke in the most melodious voice, saying like a chord of music: 'Hello.' A shock went through me--WHERE HAD I HEARD THAT VOICE BEFORE?

"because of these features--his voice, his silent step, the fact that he seemed to KNOW me--though I had never seen him before--a few steps after we passed, I turned to look again--but there WAS NO MAN!

"As I thoughtfully drove home, watching the Sierra Madre Range of mountains, suddenly to the right of Mt. Wilson, there appeared low in the cloudless sky, three huge flat, circular disks--WHITE COSMIC CRAFT--which hovered in triangular formation, and then shot silently toward the setting sun!

"About the end of 1963, Hope was guided to move to Independance, California, near Mount Whitney. After the initial activities at Independance, Hope was again directed to move the central focus north to June Lake, california

MARK AND IRENE PROBERT

"This ship comes from west of the moon. No, I cannot get the name of the planet. (Note: the unusual statement of such a location appears to coincide with previous statements by Mr. Truman Beterum and Buck Nelson regarding a planet called Clarion on the other side of our sun and thus we do not see it.--ed.BRM.) These people have been trying to contact the earth for many years. The Earth is now sending forth a strong ray or column of light, and this makes it easier of approach from other planets. Yes, these people come in peace. They are more advanced than you are. Their bodies are similar to yours but much lighter. They would like to make a landing, but they are afraid of their reception. They know they will not be understood. They want you to get a group of scientists who will meet them at some isolated spot (note: this fainally took place at Edwards Air Force Base in April, 1954.--ed.BRM.). This must be kept secret from the public at present (Mark Probert's mentor Yada D'Shi-te gave this message in 1953.--ed. BRM.) Do not say anything to scientists about psychism or these communications, they would not understand and might reject the whole matter. But these people are most anxious to cooperate with you (note: this message reeportedly was also given personally to one of our Presidents, but was later alledgedly rejected.ed.--BRM.).

RILEY H. CRABB

"In May of 1959, Mr. Riley H. Crabb was asked by Mr Meade Layne to take over the directorship of Borderland Sciences Research Association. Mr. Crabb's background qualifications for such work included 25 years of metaphysical study in the Theosophical and Rosicrucian schools, editor and publisher of magazines and industrial journals, industrial work with Minneapolis-Honeywell and the Naval Missile Center, Point Mugu, California, and personnel work and counseling in the U. S. Civil Service. His primary responsibility to Borderland researchers was to give them recognition, attention, and encouragement through the Round Robin Journal of Borderland Research and through personal contact.

"One very capable researcher, Riley Crabb (who now resides in New Zealand.), published in 1967, a manuscript type book on the subject entitled, 'Who Flys The Saucers?' His information was based on material collected by Borderland Sciences Research Foundation beginning with a UFO sighting the night of October 9, 1946. A black torpedo-shaped spaceship circled over the city (San Diego at that time-ed. BRM.) for some time, being seen by hundreds of people, including Mark Probert, a trance medium.

Mr. Riley Crabb, was a frequent visitor to Giant Rock Airport, especially during the early years of the UFO Conventions held there by Mr. George Van Tassel and was well-known to many of the early UFO contactees including Rev. Robert Short, Daniel Fry, Truman Betherum, Rev. Frank E. Stranges, Orfeo Angelucci and many other individuals connected with the UFO field of investigation. Mr. Crabb was also very careful in his approach and research into the field of UFOlogy and one might almost form the opinion that he had a healthy scepticism of some UFO reports and contacts with extraterrestrials."

REV. ROBERT SHORT

"Rev. Short, began his attendance at Giant Rock with his first visit in January, 1952, during one of Mr. Van Tassel's sessions underneath a huge dug-out boulder which soon came to be called Giant Rock. There was another large granite boulder nearby which was painted white and upon its top was an aircraft wind-sock and a large light. Short was led to find this location by what he claimed was his own 'space intelligence' whose name was given as '*Jon-Ah*' during his contacts with this source over the years 1951-1953.

"It was during that first session at Giant Rock that he met with Mr. and Mrs. Van Tassel and was invited to be in attendance after his arrival on a Friday evening. Short was then requested to join Van and Eva Van Tassel and as he did so the lights were turned off and soon after Van Tassel began to 'channel' his 'space intelligence' called '*Contamara* or *Newt* (two separate entities.-ed.-BRM.)!' While this was taking place Short began to feel his body start to shake violently and attempted to stop it, but found that this would NOT STOP and also felt a 'warmness and tight band' about his head and with this lost consciousness! Upon awakening he discovered people in the room were staring at him rather strangely.

Short began to apologize to Van and Eva as he thought that being rather tired and as well the difference in desert air that he had fallen asleep. He soon discovered however, that this was NOT the reason, as Van said, 'fall asleep? My god, how in the world do they push a sound like that through a set of vocal cords?' Short was startled to learn that his 'space intelligence *Jon-Ah* had spoken through him while he had been placed in an 'altered state' and this 'space being' had thanked those present to hear such important information given through Van Tassel! This is what Van Tassel reported to Rev. Short! This was the first indication that Rev. Short had such an ability and it was a further confirmation of what had been stated through earlier ham radio 'space intelligence contacts' during the years 1950 to 1952 in Winslow, Arizona.

Rev. Short, soon found that his communications with this 'space intelligence' would now be through his 'vocal organs' and that he would be termed by 'them' a 'TRADUCERE LUMINA (Literally: Light Translator!-ed.-BRM.).' Short began regularly attending Spacecraft Conventions at Giant Rock from the 1950's through the 1970's and as well became very well-known for his own 'UFO contacts" both physically and spiritually over the years and is now (as of this writing-ed.-BRM.) in his 46th year of such 'UFO contacts and experiences!' Most all of Short's 'contacts' have been well-documented and kept on file. He also maintains many UFO photographs and has consulted with many well-known personalities throughout the world. Rev. Short, also publishes the well-known quarterly 'SOLAR SPACE-LETTER' containing many articles relating to the latest UFO information."

JAMES MOSELEY

"James Moseley, is currently the editor and publisher of the somewhat satirical 'Saucer Smear.' He was formerly editor and publisher of the 'Saucer News,' dedicated to the subject of 'Unidentified Flying Objects.' He has also written for a number of early UFO publications and magazines, such as 'REAL,' 'ARGOSY,' 'REAL MEN,' and many others.

Jim is very objective about current UFO events and reports and is NOT easily fooled or misled by stories about 'UFO contacts' with claims of extraterrestrials unless accompanied by a great deal of factual evidence. However, this is not to say that he is a complete dis-believer in such reports, but merely very careful in his approach to such reports.

He had been an early attendant at the Giant Rock UFO Conventions along with his friend and co-publisher the late Mr. Gray Barker, and they reported on some of the early reports and events that took place at Giant Rock Airport during those gatherings.

One can say that to be given mention in his current publication is perhaps, a somewhat dubious honor, but nonetheless, it IS worth one's time and effort to befriend this fine gentleman who has been a 'UfO and Strange Anomaly (see Fortean incidents and reports)' investigator since the early 1950's."

GUY KIRKWOOD (AKA: MEL NOEL)

Guy Kirkwood, who had attended Giant Rock Airport's UFO Conventions and was well-known to George and Eva Van Tassel had been an Air Force pilot when he was or became at first an unwitting participant in a 'UFO sighting' experience and later during debriefings discovered that his Wing Commander had made a most startling admission of some type of what was claimed to be 'alledged contact with the occupants of the UFO's' witnessed by Mr. Kirkwood and his fellow pilots! This early experience of Guy Kirkwood was never revealed until he was discharged honorably from the U. S. Air Forces.

Guy arrived at Giant Rock Airport under the assumed name of Mr. Mel Noel so as not to give away his real identity to any of those attending the Conventions or when visiting with the Van Tassel's. Although he shared about some of his own experiences which did not come under Air Force Secrecy, he did NOT at any time speak of the original 'UFO sightings' to which he was a 'close-up observer' although he may have had some thoughts along the way of doing so even with his assumed identity!

Mr. Kirkwood, still follows the UFO field with interest and continues to be in attendance at some of the more documented and well investigated UFO Conventions. He is a most interesting and personable gentleman and is also most concerned with real truth and honesty in the UFO field."